

PSALM 145:18-19

The Wednesday Connection

November 15, 2023

Pray

Lord, we give all praise and honor and glory to You, our God and Father – for You came to be WITH us! You are with us on the mountaintops and we thank You for the blessings we receive in that place. You are also with us as we struggle in the valleys and we are grateful that You use that place for us to come to know You intimately. We ask Your forgiveness when we find the struggle is too great for us and we lose sight of You. We doubt, we fear, and our faith waivers when we see the valley as an interruption too great to bear. We ask for Your help to remember that our strength is in You and You alone! Help us to set our minds on the pathway You have set before us which ultimately brings us to the place of peace in Your plan. Prod us gently when our minds stray, because what we think about matters. In Jesus name, amen.

In Need of Prayer

Jackie West Brumbaugh
Bruce Busch
Susan DeVries' Family
Kim Jordan family
Kathy & Travis
Robert & Patti Keeper
Kyler
Don Myers
Patty Nesbitt
OCC Collection Week
Richard Parkman
Allen Partridge
Renee
Erika Star
Rick Tapley

Rehab/Nursing Home

Peggy Driskell, CRNH
David & Yolanda Keating, at home
Connie Lake, CRNH
Flora Jean Roberts, Union NH
Joan Shields, CRNH
Barbara Van Nus, CRNH
Pat Wright, CRNH
Kay Yandell, Hayesville House

*May these words of my mouth and
this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, Lord,
my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14



GIVE
Thanks

The church offices will be closed from
noon Wednesday, and all day

Thursday & Friday for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.

No evening services or activities at
the church on those days.

In the Hospital

Rene Garn, UGH

Upcoming Surgeries

Eddie Roach, 11/17
Julia Salter, 11/17
Marcia Mauldin, 12/28
Jerry Nichols, TBD

Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Garland Hill
Cyndi Larson
Doug Shively
Debbie Wade
Gloria Wilson

Events from the Church Calendar (11/16 - 11/22)

THURSDAY 11/16	9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Better—Ladies Bible Study, #233-FLC 10:00 am - noon GriefShare, #219-FLC 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. "Escape the Coming Night" Bible Study, #LL-042 Choir Suite 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC
FRIDAY 11/17	7:00 p.m. Mountain Community Chorus, Worship Center
SATURDAY 11/18	9:00 am - Noon Team to Matt's Ministry, Hayesville 3:00 p.m. Mountain Community Chorus, WC
SUNDAY 11/19	8:15 a.m. Band Rehearsal, Worship Ctr. 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Library Open - before and after services 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:15 - 11:30 am PEAK Kids Worship 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship/Proposed Budget Distribution 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Men's Ministry, The Lodge 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This Is the Gospel, #233-FLC

MONDAY 11/20	10:00 - 11:00 am Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room
TUESDAY 11/21	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill 10:00 - 11:00 am Prayer Group, #026-LL Closed 6:00 p.m. Hope Room Closed for Thanksgiving Week Choir Practice, Worship Center
WEDNESDAY 11/22	8:00 am - Noon Office Closes at Noon NO EVENING SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES

We will also be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT 2024 BUDGET DATES:

Sunday, 11/19, proposed budget distribution will be available at the Welcome desk after the Worship Service.

Wednesday, 11/29, Private discussion with Finance Committee at 5:30 pm, ML-132 (Esther Sunday School Classroom). Public discussion to follow at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center before Wednesday in the Word

Sunday, 12/3, Called Church Conference to vote on 2024 budget approval immediately following the morning worship service.

AWANA CLUBS - CHRISTMAS STORE

The Awana Clubs are seeking donations of new or VERY gently used items for the **Awana Christmas Store** on December 11th. Men's items will be especially helpful! Clubbers have earned Awana Bucks to be able to shop for gifts for their parents, grandparents & siblings for Christmas. Collection bins are located in the FLC foyer, the Hope Lobby and the church office **during the month of November**.

FREE! MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT 11/17 & 11/18

Mountain Community Chorus will perform two concerts at McConnell on Friday, 11/17 at 7:00 pm & Saturday, 11/18 at 3:00 pm. Directed by Terry Hooper and assisted by Laura Stookesbury, the chorus is made up of about 70 local singers who love to make music. The concert is free and has a wide variety of styles to be enjoyed. Small or generous donations are truly appreciated and are also tax deductible. Both concerts are in our Worship Center so mark your calendar and invite your friends!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH | 12/2

The McConnell Women's Ministry is planning a **"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"** Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 2nd at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available now **thru November 19th** in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service. Tickets are \$15 each and seating is limited. We also need 35 hostesses to provide a centerpiece for each table; everything else will be provided. Call or text April Porter at 757-535-4058 if you are interested.

FIRST STEPS/NEW MEMBERS CLASS | 12/10

If you are new to the church or want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Steve & Pastor Danny as they share information about McConnell's vision. The class will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at 11:45 a.m., in The Lodge immediately following the morning worship service. A light lunch will be served. **This class is a prerequisite for joining the church.** [Register online](#) or call the church office to register at 706-896-2281.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | 12/19

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, December 19th from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, in the Family Life Center. **Fewer donors than needed** gave this summer, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals. Hurricane Idalia further strained the blood supply with blood drive cancellations and reduced blood and platelet donations in affected areas. Please visit www.redcross.org to make an appointment to donate.

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	11/12	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,439,605.30	\$21,837.00	\$1,521,136.09

Sunday, November 12
In Church Attendance — 437
Sunday School Attendance — 252